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Shore leave was available to crew members.

all crew members were warned not to take pictures, engage civilian Chinese in conversation, or enter the area indicated as Area Able on overlay to HO Chart No 5489, Ch'ing-Tao Harbor (Tsingtao). Each crew member going ashore was required to surrender his visa at the port office and would receive in turn a pass with the time stamped on it. This pass was then surrendered in exchange for the visa upon returning to the ship at the end of the day. All crew members were required to return to the ship by 2200. Specific instructions as to the action to be taken in the event of an air raid were also given. Crew members ashore were instructed to report to the police station rather than enter an air raid shelter if an air attack should occur. Chinese, armed with machine guns, were stationed on the piers. Crewmen were searched before and after going ashore, and all purchases had to be verified by a receipted invoice.

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4. [redacted] Wharf No 2. On the north side a Russian flag merchant ship was loading cargo, the nature of which was undetermined. [redacted] Small American type landing craft were moored to this wharf landward [redacted] No naval vessels were observed.
5. [redacted] anti-US feelings are very prevalent in Tsingtao. A Chinese customs official observed a cockroach [redacted] jumped back, and in a very serious tone explained that American aircraft had dropped these cockroaches throughout China. [redacted] observed groups of people in the city where the cockroach story was being repeated and [redacted] they appeared to be incensed by it.
6. [redacted] almost everyone living in Tsingtao was some sort of beggar. The Chinese civilians appeared to be afraid to talk to foreigners. Both men and women were employed as stevedores and were attired in some form of working uniform. These workers were closely supervised and were not permitted to converse with crew members. On one occasion a crewman was informed he should not give the workers anything to eat or drink.

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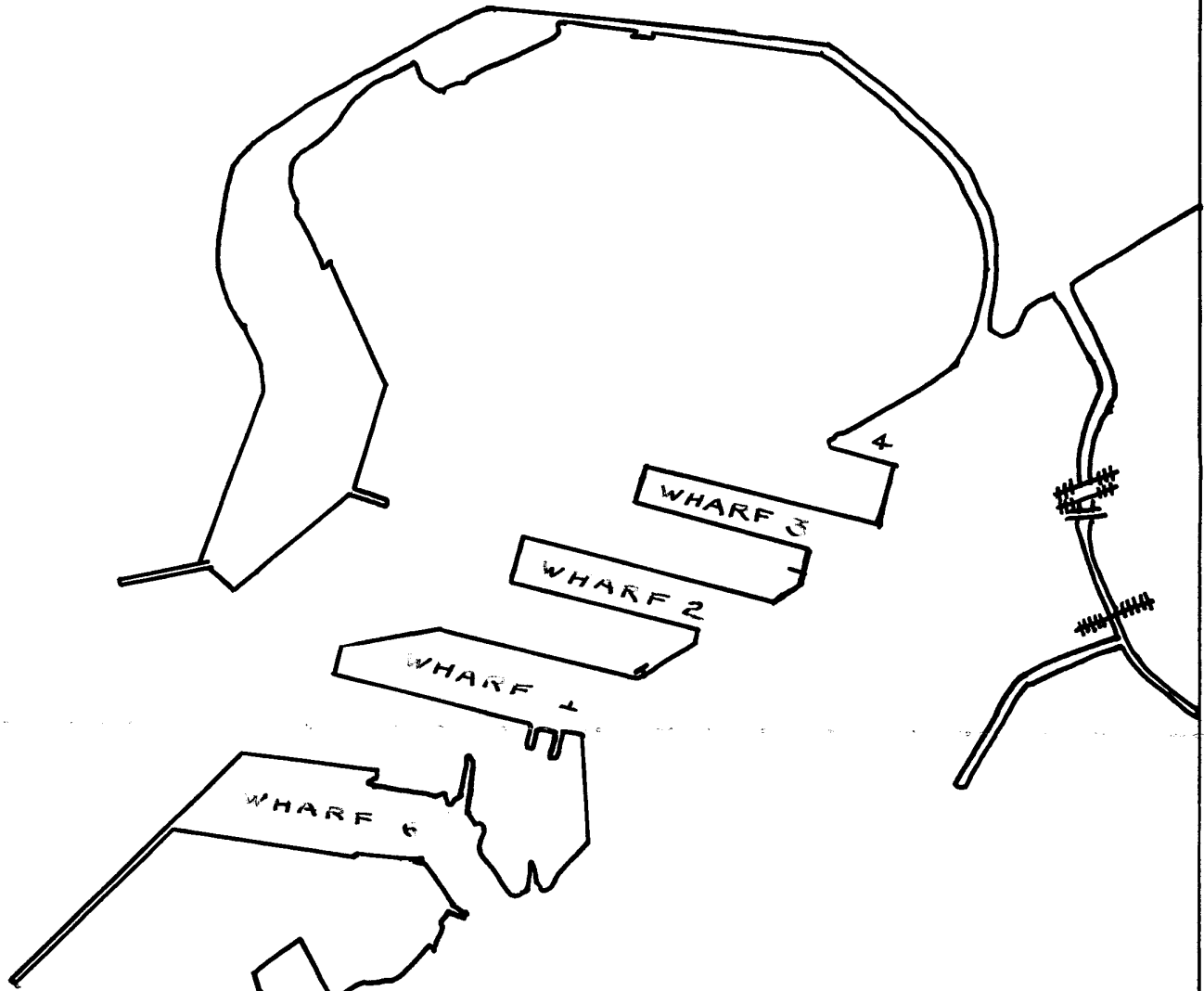
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